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German Patent DE 10042055 A1, Carsten WOCHE et al., relates to a car key that stores biometric data about the car's driver on a carrier mounted in the key's grip. The stored data is compared with stored data to release the car's steering column.

German Patent DE 10103044 A1, Rainer Josef BERGER, relates to a biometric data decoder that wirelessly transmits biometric data to a vehicle-side transmitter/receiver that allows the vehicle to function when biometric information is in agreement.

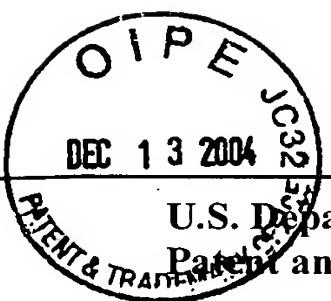
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